

**THE MARINE REALMS INFORMATION BANK: A COASTAL AND MARINE
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ABSTRACT: The Marine Realms Information Bank (MRIB) is a distributed geolibrary of the USGS Coastal and Marine Geology Program that 1) links information existing in distributed and independent sources and 2) prioritizes search and display of information by place (location on the Earth's surface). The MRIB aims to provide easy access to knowledge pertaining to the ocean and the associated atmospheric and terrestrial environments to scientists, decision-makers, and the interested members of the public. The MRIB is online at <http://mrib.usgs.gov>. A poster is online at <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2003/of03-213/>.